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DATE: SEPTEMBER 6, 1974

SUBJECT: CHILE MOVING TROOPS TO THE PERUVIAN BORDER AREA4

CHILE'S REPORTED MOVEMENT OF SEVEN SANTIAGO-BASED ARMY UNITS TO THE NORTH--ABOUT 150 MILES SOUTH OF THE PERUVIAN BORDER--REFLECTS THE FACT THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU REMAIN TENSE DESPITE RECENT MUTUAL PUBLIC PROTESTATIONS TO THE CONTRARY.4

SANTIAGO DOES NOT APPEAR TO BELIEVE THAT A PERUVIAN ATTACK IS IMMINENT AND THE TROOP MOVEMENTS MAY BE A PREPAREDNESS TEST RATHER THAN PERMANENT REINFORCEMENT. REMOVAL OF SOME 3,500 TROOPS FROM THE SANTIAGO AREA AT A TIME WHEN THE GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE LEFTIST VIOLENCE ON THE SEPTEMBER 11 ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT ALLENDE'S OVERTHROW, HOWEVER, REFLECTS THE SERIOUSNESS WITH

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WHICH CHILE'S MILITARY LEADERS VIEW THE THREAT OF A CONFLICT WITH PERU.

PERU, IF IT BECOMES AWARE OF THE TROOP MOVEMENTS, MIGHT INTERPRET THEM AS PART OF A CHILEAN PLAN TO MAKE A PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE AGAINST PERU. AT ANY RATE, THE CHILEAN MOVE IS LIKELY TO PROMPT LIMA TO ACCELERATE ITS OWN ALREADY CONSIDERABLE MILITARY BUILDUP IN THE BORDER AREA. (SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION:

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